

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

September 18, 2022



Welcome! We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. May the Lord enrich our time together.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers as well as juice are available for those with specific dietary needs. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

Worship Schedule: Our two-service worship schedule offers services at 8:30 and 11:00 am. The Education hour for Sunday school and Adult classes is 9:45-10:45.

The Healing Service scheduled for this morning needed to be canceled. The next Healing Service will be on October 9th during worship services.

Sunday School continues Today for ages 3K through eighth grade. Stop at the welcome center for room locations for the various ages or watch for the signs. First through fifth graders are on the third floor of the education wing for Rotation Sunday School classes.

Adult Education 9:45-10:45am Sunday in the Upper Room: Today's Topic is Advocacy with Pastor Karen Natterstad and special guest Brian Cranfill, who will explain what Advocacy is and then present an opportunity for you to participate in an Advocacy project on this "God's Work. Our Hands" day.

"God's Work. Our Hands" Day of Service will be celebrated on September 18 at St. Matthew's. "God's Work. Our Hands" is a celebration of reaching out with the presence of Christ in various ways. Some activities offered today: baking and delivering brownies and bars for our city firefighters, sending greetings to our shut-in members and friends at Luther Manor, making a hot meal and a lunch to share with the women at the Benedict Center's Sisters North House, collecting vitamins for Guatemala, and an adult mission trip to help a homeowner in Houston, TX. We also need people to sign up for the Blood Drive at St. Matthew's on October 3.



God's Work. Our Hands For YOUTH! High School Service Hour Today:

Use your hands to serve others on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday! Just show up to the youth room **from 9:45 – 10:45** to help with various service projects, including sorting food for the food pantry. All high school students are welcome!

Bulletin Announcement Insert – September 18, 2022

The Adult Mission Trip to Houston will be commissioned this morning at the 11:00 service. Allan Land, Kevin Hume, Ginger Wooster, Dan Gordon, and Al & Susan Van Lith will be traveling from Sept. 25 – October 1st, working with St. Bernard Project on home repairs after hurricane damage.

Food Collection – September 18-25 We are collecting food and hygiene and cleaning products for the Cross Lutheran and Tosa Cares Food Pantries as they continue to serve growing numbers of people.



Peanut Butter	Tuna	Canned Meats
Soup, Chili	Canned fruits	Instant Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta	Mac & cheese
Pork and Beans	Fruit snacks	Juice Boxes
Canned spaghetti, Beefaroni, etc.		Canned veggies

Hygiene and cleaning products (these items are not covered by SNAP, So they are especially needed)

Cross can also accept gift certificates to Pick'n Save.

Donations should be brought to the food collection area across from the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saints Gathering for Older Adults: “Learn How NOT To Fall”

Wednesday – September 21, 2022

We're Number 1! Wisconsin leads the nation as the Number 1 state with the highest occurrence of falling among its senior population. This is certainly not an enviable statistic. Unfortunately, as we age, a simple clumsy moment can lead to hospitalization and quickly spiral into more complicated health concerns. Fortunately, there are concrete and achievable ways to avoid falls. Our presenter is from Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin where she is the Injury Prevention and Outreach Coordinator. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Lunch available with a suggested donation of \$11.00.

Benedict Center's Women & Justice Virtual Fundraising Event

A virtual event at St. Matthew's on Wednesday, September 21 from 12:00-1:30

Lunch available or bring your own

Sign Up at the Welcome Center

Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net for more information

Join us for a powerful conversation about Shared Sentences: How the Incarceration of Mothers Impacts Their Children. Proceeds raised from the event directly support programs for justice-involved women to receive community-based counseling, advocacy and support to find hope and healing.

Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk is Saturday, September 24

Each in-person event site offers a NEW 5K fun run, two mile walk, and road and trail bike ride unless otherwise noted, as well as a fellowship only participant option. Pay-what-you-can registration includes access to the online fundraising platform, and a free event t-shirt and picnic lunch for those who register by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 11:59 pm. Information and Registration here: ofhrrw.org

An Opportunity to Carpool to one of the sites:

Want to carpool to the Washington Park site for the OFH walk there? You can meet in the St. Matthew's parking lot at 9:00am where there will be a group going to Washington Park site. It's a great opportunity to walk and meet some new people from other churches, and even from our partner congregations. Feel free to donate to OFH's fundraiser or just join us in our walk.

MT. MERU COFFEE Don't forget, your purchase of Mt. Meru coffee helps provide sustainable incomes to the coffee farmers of Meru. This is especially important during this time of drought in many areas.

Besides our standard premium blend in regular and decaf we have our Peaberry coffee which is richer and less acidic than regular coffee. We also offer our coffee in four flavors. Thank you for your purchase, it is much appreciated.

Book Group: First Discussion on October 7th

You decide which books you wish to read for the discussions you wish to participate in. Discussions begin at 7pm on the dates listed, held at St. Matthew's.
Friday, October 7 *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles, 592 pages
Friday, November 4 *While Justice Sleeps: A Novel* by Stacey Abrams, 480 pages
Full List on our website and also available at church.

Children's Vitamins being collected for Guatemala Service Projects:

Malnutrition is a huge problem in Guatemala. There are many consequences of poor early childhood nutrition, including lack of brain development, illness, and listlessness. But, when a child gets a positive and healthy start on growth and development, many more opportunities exist for a better, healthier future. In our vitamins program, we give chewy or gummy multivitamins to kids in the community. We also provide prenatal vitamins to expectant mothers, giving very early nutritional benefit to mom and baby simultaneously! Please collect vitamins (which expire June 2023 or later, please) and bring them to the box outside the church office. With any questions, please contact Jennifer Demar (president@guatasp.org) or talk to Tammi Krueger Poe in church!

Get the St. Matthew's App. It's new! A new way to be connected and a shortcut to the important ways to connect to the information you want you to know. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code here, then follow the instructions on your phone.



Save the Date: Blood Drive at St. Matthew's, Monday, October 3, 2022. Watch your church emails for the link to registration or call the church office, 414.774.0441.

Wednesday Bible Study continues this week! Join Pastor Ann and the great group of people who enjoy gathering each week for bible study and discussion, beginning at 10:00am and lasting one hour. It's a great way to deepen your faith in a positive way. Everyone is welcome. Meeting is in the Upper Room.

During the Last Week of September, These Choirs will Begin:

EmBELLishments Adult Bell Choir: Tuesdays, 9:30-10:15am beginning 9/27
New Creation Choir (grades 3-6): Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30pm beginning 9/28
Godsbells (grades 4-6): Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm beginning 9/28
Praise Kids (age 4K-2nd grade) Thursdays, 4:00-4:50pm beginning 9/29
Questions may be directed to John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, music ministry staff.

YTD Financial Results as of:	09/11/22
General Fund Receipts	\$573,841
Hunger Basket / Meal Outreach Receipts	\$9,898
Benevolence Disbursements	\$124,156
Building Fund Balance	\$236,048

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, Lynne Thomas
Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.
Music Minister: John Paradowski.
Music Staff: David Mohr, Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes
Older Adults Coordinator: Julia Murphy.
Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.
Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.
Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.
Office Staff: Al Van Lith, Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's